

Minutes of the meeting of the Fire and Police Commission held Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Present at the meeting: Commissioners Dennis Short, Mike Franks, Joel Jackson

Also present: Deputy Fire Chief Trent Reeise, Police Chief John Dossey, Deputy Police Chief Jeff Little, Deputy Police Chief Seth Ranney, Human Resources Director Sarah Newcomb, City Manager Mark Rothert, Assistant Fire Chief John Turner

Commissioner Short called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Franks to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Franks to approve the May 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Departmental Reports

1. FD – Probationary Reports

Deputy Fire Chief Reeise reported that the probationary firefighters are doing well.

2. PD – Probationary Reports

Police Chief Dossey reported that the probationary officers are doing well.

3. PD – SO 2020-09 – Promotion #5294

4. FD – Request to Promote

5. PD – Request to Promote

Commissioner Franks made a motion to receive and file these reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. All in favor.

Bills:

None

Old Business:

PD – Original Appointment Testing

The testing process is set for October 17, 2020. The written testing company and the testing location have been reserved for this date. The qualifications for testing will remain the same. The application collection process will be done through AAIM. It was noted that the Police Department has a recruitment website that will be utilized to market the testing as well.

New Business:

None

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 – Personnel

All Other Business Deemed Necessary by the Commissioners

Due to the recent retirement of Deputy Police Chief Don Baxter, Lt. Seth Ranney was promoted to Deputy Chief effective June 14, 2020.

With the recent Lieutenant promotion, the current list has been exhausted. A new list will need to be developed.

The Fire Department approached the Commission about making updates to the qualifications for testing/hiring. A committee will be formed within the Fire Department (and will include the Human Resources Director) to analyze the pros/cons of all aspects of the current hiring requirements. The requested updates will be presented to the Commission at the July meeting for consideration.

Submitted:



Dennis Short, Chairman

Attest:



Michael Franks, Secretary



Joel Jackson, Commissioner